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## ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRES. ROXAS

### Questions On Future Of Islands

#### ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR

London, Mar. 10. The future administration of the Andaman and Nicobar islands was one of a number of questions which would have to be considered in connection with the arrangements for the transfer of power from Britain to India, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary for India, told Captain Gammans, Conservative, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Captain Gammans had asked if in the transference of power in 1948 it was proposed to include these islands "in view of the fact that they have no racial connections with India."

Mr. Henderson, in his reply, added: "I regret I am unable to anticipate a decision on it in advance of considerations and the determination of those arrangements generally."

Captain Gammans: Is the Minister not aware that both the American and Russian Governments are laying claim to islands and territories all over the world on the ground of strategic considerations and in view of that fact why should we not state definitely now that we require these islands, which are not in any sense Indian for the strategic protection of Malaya and Ceylon?

Mr. Henderson: I do not think we should necessarily follow the example of other countries. Circumstances are entirely different. As regards the population of the Andamans, it is a fact I believe that 12,000 are from India and only 5,000 aborigines.

Captain Gammans: Is the Minister not aware that the 12,000 were mostly criminals who were sent there and would he not agree that these islands are in no sense a part of India?

Mr. Henderson: I think the final determination of the possession of these islands would have to be settled by agreement with the new government of India and would require the approval of Parliament on the general question.—Reuter.

#### NEW JERUSALEM EXPLOSIONS

Jerusalem, Mar. 11. The explosion of landmines and hand-grenades shattered the silence in the northeast section of Jerusalem to-day, and squads of armed British troops accompanied by armoured police cars moved into the city's areas.

Although no general alert was sounded for troops, the soldiers began to move in substantial numbers immediately after the explosion.

The blast was followed by a few rounds of rifle fire apparently from the direction of the zone under military rule.—Associated Press.

#### EDITORIAL

### Don't Tax Our HCL

THE point we raised yesterday regarding the probable inclusion of high cost of living and rehabilitation allowances in income chargeable for taxation has its own degree of importance in the general taxation scheme. It involves a principle; it would mean hardship for a substantial portion of Hongkong's potential taxpayers. We plead for the exemption of HCL allowances from taxable income because it is unreasonable to place an impost on what has officially been admitted to be an essential addition to salaries designed to help cover present-day living costs. It was Government who, in 1945, decided to establish the existing income levels, namely, 1941 basic rates of pay, plus an adjustable HCL and a fixed rehabilitation allowance. It was a standard which the majority of private firms followed, so that now most wage-earners are receiving 1941 basic pay together with a special subsidy. Taxation of this subsidy must inevitably involve hardship, and force a number of taxpayers into a reduced standard of living.

Supporters of the "tax all income" system will point to the fact that because of increased personal and family concessions, many automatically escape taxation on salaries which include HCL allowances. This is true, but there are also thousands of others whose equitably and reasonably apportioned HCL brings them well into the taxable classes, even after allowing for personal and family remissions. These will be the victims of an imposition which is unprincipled. Government seems apt to lose sight of the fact that very few workers can, to-day, save anything out of their incomes. Living modestly, they find their monthly pay cheques fully absorbed by essential expenditure. To take away in taxation only \$500 a month will to many mean a severe hardship; a further tapping of any savings they may have accumulated and retained over the past years. A second objection to the exclusion of living allowances from taxation may be that it enables income returns to show nominal salaries and excessive HCL allowances, thus creating a form of evasion. This too, can easily be countered by Government fixing a maximum which any person can claim as HCL. On average, the maximum now being paid to workers as HCL is \$300. This is a figure which the authorities could take as their limit for concession purposes.

### Footballers' Strike Threat

Manchester, Mar. 10. The Players' Union meeting here to-day decided on a strike of professional footballers at midnight on March 21 if the Ministry of Labour do not arbitrate then on the soccer wages dispute. Such action threatens the biggest matches of the season, including the Cup semi-final due on March 29, the England-Scotland international due on April 12 and the Cup final on April 26.—Reuter.

## Economic Planning Of British Industry

### COMMONS DEBATE OPENS

London, March 10. Two important changes in the economic planning of British industry were announced by Sir Stafford Cripps when opening the three-day debate on Britain's "Economic Budget" in the House of Commons to-day.

The first is the strengthening of the staff for Economic Planning and the second an arrangement for ensuring the co-operation of industry in planning organisation.

In future each government department concerned with industry would have a whole time planning staff under a senior officer charged with special responsibilities. Sir Stafford said.

The Government had also decided to strengthen inter-departmental planning by the appointment of a joint planning staff somewhat on the lines developed in the joint war production staff. There would be a new appointment of a full-time executive head of the inter-departmental planning staff, who would need a small picked staff of persons with programming experience.

There were cheers when Sir Stafford added that the man selected for this job would need to be of very special experience and attainment.

#### STAFF'S FUNCTIONS

The functions of this inter-departmental staff, he said, would cover the whole field of forward planning, but it would also be specially concerned with reviewing the rest of the programme of 1947. The Government would suggest to various organisations on both sides of industry that there should be a small board representatives of the Government Planning Staff and of both sides of industry, which should meet from time to time to follow the development of the plan. Industry must be brought into the planning process at an early stage, said the President of the Board of Trade, and must have before them facts which the Government departments had at their disposal. These arrangements, said Sir Stafford, would be calculated to ensure strong direction from the centre where it was needed without

## Hand Grenade Thrown At His Feet

### LUCKY ESCAPE FROM INJURY

Manila, Mar. 11. President Manuel A. Roxas escaped assassination last night when a hand-grenade was hurled at his feet shortly after he had delivered his final speech for approval of the "parity amendment" at Plaza Miranda, in the centre of Manila.

Forty-five minutes after the assassination attempt, police arrested a suspect, Julio Guillen, who was identified by three bystanders as the man who threw the grenade and with whom they allegedly grappled as he tried to get away.

The grenade, which landed almost at Mr. Roxas' feet, was kicked three yards away by officials near Roxas, exploding far enough to avoid any injury to the President.

Seven were known to have been injured, including Colonel Jose Tando, commander of the Malacanang guards. The police are reportedly working on the theory that the attempted assassination was an organised affair and after questioning Guillen at police headquarters, whisked him away to an unknown destination, presumably to grill him on the identities of his accomplices and on hideouts.

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The gathering at the Plaza scattered in panic after the explosion and men, women and children were knocked on the ground as they got in the way of the stampede.

President Roxas had just finished his address when the deadly missile was thrown in his direction. Three persons threw themselves on Mr. Roxas' body after the explosion to shield him from any possible second attempt. The driver of the Presidential limousine remained cool throughout the incident and engaged himself in calming down Mrs. Roxas, who became hysterical immediately after the blast.

Soon after, order was restored on the platform and the President and Mrs. Roxas were driven to the Presidential Palace without further incident.—United Press.

#### EMBASSY SHOCKED

Washington, Mar. 11. News of the attempt to assassinate President Manuel Roxas of the Philippines shocked the Philippine Embassy staff here to-day. "It was a dastardly attack to be regretted by all right thinking people. We are thankful that President Roxas was not injured," said Narciso Ramos, Charge d'Affaires, in the absence of Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde who is en route to Manila. "The attack means that the parity issue in the Philippine has been upheld," Press Attache Al Valencia commented. "The opposition forces were mistakenly giving vent to feelings of desperation, resentment and animosity against the majority will."—Associated Press.

## GREAT THAW SETS IN

London, Mar. 10. The thaw which Britain was prematurely promised last week, now really seems to have arrived—bringing with it slush, mud and fog.

All shipping, including colliers for London, was brought to a halt early to-day as thick fog covered the Thames estuary. By this afternoon the fog in the Straits of Dover was being described as the worst of the winter.

The stream of warm air from the southwest, which the Air Ministry forecasts will spread to the whole country, has already freed most roads and railways. In London the temperature rose to 43 degrees by early afternoon, six lower than in yesterday's brilliant sunshine.

One result of the recent bitter cold was that at Doole, Lancashire, pneumatic drills were used in the local cemetery for ten days to break through 20 inches of icehard earth. More than 20 graves were dug in this fashion.—Reuter.

## Vicar Gives A Grand National Tip

Plymouth, Mar. 11. The Vicar of St. Barnabas Church, Plymouth, the Rev. J. S. Clarke, turned tipster on Monday in his parish magazine and advised his flock to back Bricett in the Grand National steeplechase.

## Big Spending On Education

London, Mar. 11. Britain plans to spend over £22,000,000 more on education this year.

Education Department budgets published on Monday fixed total expenditures of 1947-48 at £130,185,535 compared to £113,785,112 in 1946-47.

Biggest increase—£16,870,000—will go in grants to local education authorities, who will have to care for more students because of the raising of the compulsory attendance age to 15 next month.

The Home Office announced that its 1947-48 budget called for an increase of more than £4,000,000 mainly for the police department. Britain has been plagued for months with a crime wave, including a continuing series of jewel thefts by one or more gangs of "cat burglars" who have eluded all police traps.

The budget calls for £34,386,276 of which £21,335,515 will go for police. Other large increases were for prisons and reform schools.—Associated Press.

## Political Uniforms Ban

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 10. The Malayan Union Advisory Council, at a meeting to-day, passed a Bill with immediate effect prohibiting the wearing of uniform signifying association with political organisations and the maintenance of associations of military or similar character.

The Attorney-General, Mr. K. O'Connor, declared that a very undesirable development which had recently occurred in the political life of Malaya was the emergence of private uniformed forces of one kind or another. The use of force in the furtherance of political or other objects, constituted a challenge to the principles of freedom of opinion, freedom of speech and freedom of action, within the law.

Malaya should be vigilant and inflexible to act in defence of those principles.

The bill strengthened the hands of the government in affording the public proper protection.—Reuter.

## DANGER OF RIOTS SPREADING

New Delhi, Mar. 10. Officials here to-day expressed apprehension that rioting might spread to New Delhi to-morrow, when the Hindus and Sikhs observe "anti-Pakistan" day in protest against the Moslem demand for a separate Moslem state.

Meanwhile, it was announced that a full brigade of troops was moving from Southern India to reinforce the Army in the Punjab.—United Press.



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#### 4-Power Conference

### SURPRISE MOVE BY MOLOTOV

Moscow, Mar. 11. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, in a surprise move to-day injected the enormously complicated China question into the opening session of the Four Power Foreign Ministers' conference on Austria and Germany.

United States Secretary of State George Marshall blocked an immediate vote on Molotov's proposal to place China on the agenda.

Marshall then countered with a diplomatic surprise of his own, suggesting that the conference discuss the limitation of allied troops in the occupied countries of Europe.

Mr. Molotov who presided over the opening session of the momentous meeting said China should be discussed in the light of the Moscow conference of 1945 at which the United States, Britain and Russia agreed to a policy of non-intervention in Chinese affairs.

#### THINKING IT OVER

Mr. Marshall replied that he had no fundamental objection to such a discussion but wanted to think it over at least until Tuesday.

Mr. Molotov said that he, too, would like time to think over Marshall's proposal about the limitation of allied troops before agreeing to place it on the agenda.

Should both subjects be scheduled for discussion the scope of the already complex programme would be widened enormously.

The opening session of the conference, which while the Soviet capital was engulfed in a heavy snowstorm, moved with surprising speed and with many expressions of goodwill.

The Ministers seated around the table in the white and gold room of the aviation industry house on Lenin-grad highway went about their work in a businesslike manner. There was none of the acid comment which sometimes characterised the previous big four meetings.—Associated Press.

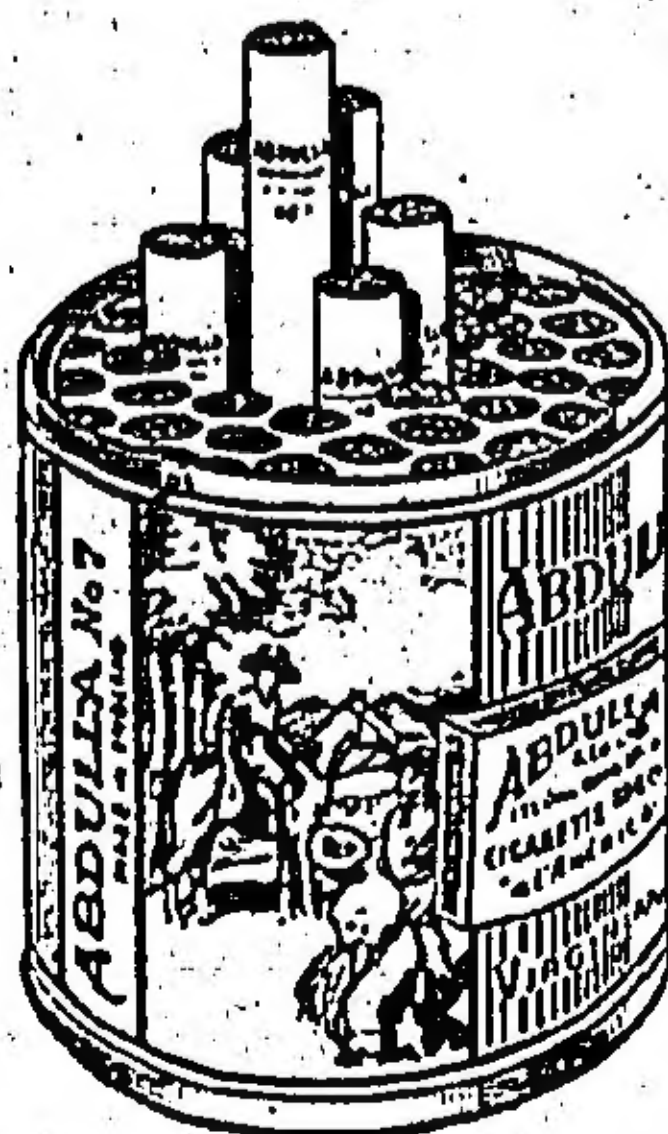
## MASS OFFENSIVE IN PREPARATION

Belgrade, Mar. 10. The official Yugo-Slav News Agency quoted reports from Athens of plans for a mass land, sea and air offensive by Greek regular forces against the guerrillas in Salonika, Volos and Kavalla, all in northern Greece.

The Agency asserts that fighter planes "many of them received from Britain in the last few days" were "assembled on airfields and transports were disembarking tanks and troops at a northern port."—Reuter.

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# ARE WE BREEDING THE WRONG SORT OF CHILDREN?

AN IMPORTANT  
ARTICLE by  
**Dr W. R.  
INGE, D.D.**

A report on the relation between INTELLIGENCE AND FERTILITY, produced by Sir Cyril Burt at the request of the Royal Commission on Population, reached the conclusion that poorer children have intelligence nearly two years below that of children from better social classes.

Dr Inge here comments on Sir Cyril Burt's findings.

VITAL statistics have long been a favourite hobby of mine, and the ignorance of the public drives me wild. How often do we hear lamentations about the declining birth rate; some even think that our population is declining. Men who ought to know better have predicted that we are on the road to extinction. The Report of the Royal Commission, a deplorable document in my opinion, speaks of the threat of "a gradual fading away of the British people."

What are the facts?

The birth-rate has been rising steadily for many years, both here and in almost every other country. (I have no recent figures for Germany). What is more astonishing is that this process has not been arrested by the war, though millions of young men have been separated from their wives.

The following birth-rate figures have been drawn up by Mr E. F. Schumacher, an Oxford statistician:

	1938	1943
United Kingdom	15.5	16.9
Australia	17.5	20.7
France	14.6	10.0
Holland	20.5	23.0
Denmark	18.1	21.4
Sweden	14.9	10.3
Switzerland	15.2	19.2
U.S.A.	17.0	22.0

This is entirely contrary to what happened in the first World War. I am quite unable to account for it.

Sir Cyril Burt has investigated the question whether there is an innate superiority of intelligence in the children of the professional class as compared with those of the working man. He decides that there is, though the class difference is much less than the difference between the best and the worst specimens in any class.

## Danger grows

If the professional class is relatively sterile—not keeping up its numbers—we must expect, and the author thinks we already find a gradual deterioration in the mental capacity of our people. The difference in the generation will be slight, but it is cumulative.

The danger is much increased now that the government subsidize the ablest sons of the working man, enabling them to rise into the sterile upper middle class. Dr Schiller noted this long ago. We are skimming off the cream in each generation and throwing it away.

Recent events have turned a danger into a catastrophe. The professional class, it seems, have the best brains in a population, have been massacred in Russia, starved in Germany and France, and here are taxed, bullied and regimented till their lives are 'hardly worth living.' They are the most unorganised and helpless section of the community, too proud and patriotic to strike, wondering sadly whether they are only to be shorn or skinned alive.

## 'Inferior elements'

THERE is a mass of evidence in support of Sir Cyril's conclusion; highly educated women, it appears, are even more barren, as a class, than the men.

If we are to remain a great nation, we simply cannot afford a counter-selection favouring the inferior elements in our population.

Personally, I think that the Beveridge Committee object of which was to stimulate artificially the already excessive birth-rate of the slums, was the most mischievous law ever placed on the Statute Book.

There are, however, two considerations on the other side. Ability is often transmitted from one generation, much less often in two or three.

There are a few families like the Darwins, who can show distinction for four or five generations, and names like Pollock and Coleridge appear more than twice in our roll of eminent men and women; but above the rate for couples with an income of less than 4,000 crowns."

Dr Burgdorfer found that in large German towns families with above 50,000 marks income had on an average 50 per cent more children than those with less than 1,500. This was in 1930.

This looks as if the differentiation in favour of the slum-dwellers and feeble-minded may be only temporary. I have noticed that girls in my own walk of life seem to marry earlier, and all hope to have children.

The old-fashioned heavy father who used to say: "Can you give my daughter the comforts to which she is accustomed?" is extinct. Our young people do not care about money.

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This enables the resting smoker to puff at long range. If he or she falls asleep, the mouth-piece and tube may fall, but the cigarette remains on the tray to smoulder to extinction without danger.

NEWEST and most complicated gadget is an automatic book-page turner for the reader in bed. A metal frame holds the book. Thin metal clips are attached to each page.

These clips are attached to a nylon thread wound on an electrically driven revolving drum which turns the pages when you press a switch which fits cosily under the chin.

When the reader wants a page turned he just nods and the drum revolves sufficiently to cause the thread to turn a page. Cost, £19.

It is a shop full of sleep, but the challenging posters round the walls keep the visitor awake with surprise.

One poster asks: "What do your sleeping positions mean?" and is sub-titled: "Freud versus the Sleep Shop." Picture

shows a girl curled up in bed, her knees almost touching her chin.

Freudian interpretation, according to the poster, is: "Frustrated curl into this pre-natal position indicates desire to crawl into a shell away from the baffling world."

THE Sleep Shop challenges this, says that obviously poor circulation causes the condition, and the girl is simply striving for warmth, indicating she needs one of their special blankets on display.

Another poster showed a girl lying on her back with her knees hunched up. Freudian interpretation: "This

is a form of self-pampering in an individual who believes she's unfairly treated and exploited by others." Sleep Shop version: "Actually the sleeper is unconsciously bracing herself against the shock of the clanging alarm clock." They advise the gentle, musical alarm.

INCIDENTAL bedroom equipment in the Sleep Shop includes: Records on which hypnotist Ralph Slater talks hypnotically. If you don't fall asleep after listening to the two-sided record (assuming you're willing to be hypnotised) you get your money back.

Luminescent stars, comets, planets, made of phosphorescent paper, which, gummed on the wall, will glow in the dark. Recommended for children's nurseries.

An electrical device which gets rid of stuffy air, quietly atomises and dispels fragrance throughout the room.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

IT has been said that the misadventures of C. Suet, Esq., in the land of bureaucracy overstep the bounds of legitimate exaggeration. I am prepared to debate the point.

Before me lies the complaint of a man who wrote to the Stationery Office for information about the furnishing and bedding trades. He received leaflets about coal mines. Next day he received "a quarterly report on milk tests, though he has never kept a cow in his life."

I have also a leaflet (No. 1643, Statutory Rules and Orders, Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Food (Sugar)). It is too long to print, and ends with a 12-line sentence which makes Suet's beetroot schedules and foghorn-contents seem the merest common sense.

## Marginal note

CHESTERTON once said "Other people make the jokes; I see them." The most striking fact about the new privileged class of bureaucrats is that they talk and write the nonsense. Other people need only

comment on it. It is sufficient to copy out their stuff to prove the absurdity of their minds, and it is, possibly, waste of time to parody their style or satirise their methods.

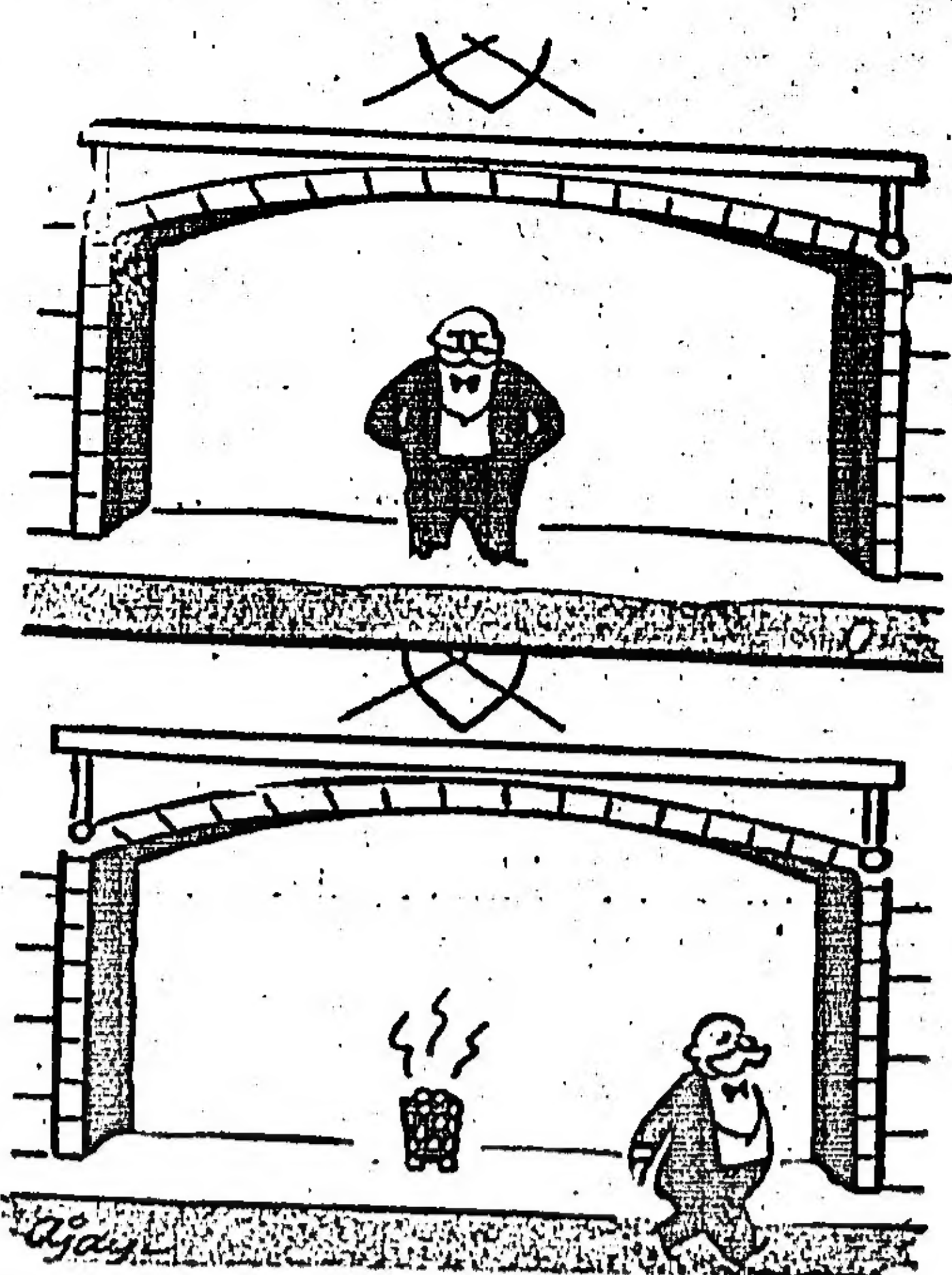
## A fat lot I care

EVERY story is new to thousands of people. A man came into a bar with a live lobster in his coat pocket. "Why don't you take him home for dinner?" asked the barman. "He's had his dinner," answered the customer. "I'm taking him to the movies now."

(If this story is an old one to you, write to Mrs E. S. Voppleton, 63(b), Balacava-crescent, King's Thursday, enclosing your identity card and a postal order for eighteen and fivepence. She will send you an alternative story.)

## Oh, I say, look here!

IT is reported to me that a recent radio talk about the Zoo ended with these words: "They will bring the number of the Zoo exhibits up to pre-war strength—er, strength." Enter a Nicaraguan badger hotly pursued by an Australian goat. Exit a Mongolian skunk.



## According To Culbertson

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Successful play in to-day's deal depends on precise card-placing from the opponents' bidding.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH  
♦ 9 8 5  
♥ K J 8 4 3  
♦ A Q 10 9  
♣ 7 6 5 4 3 2

EAST  
♦ 10 8 7 4 3 ♦ A K 5  
♥ 5 2 ♥ A Q 10 7 6  
♦ Q 10 6 3 ♦ A 3  
♣ 4 5 ♣ J 9 8

SOUTH  
♦ 3  
♥ 8  
♦ A K J 8 5  
♣ K 10 8 7 4

The bidding:

South North East West  
1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Double  
2 Warrants Pass 2 Spades Double  
3 Clubs Pass 3 Clubs Double

West led his fourth-highest spade; East took the king and played the spade ace. Declarer ruffed, cashed the diamond ace, then ruffed a low diamond with the club deuce. The trump ace was then laid down, after which South ruffed dummy's last spade to return to his own hand.

Obviously, it was vital to run the diamond suit without losing leads and equally obviously, South could not afford to depend on a 3-3 break of the suit. Hence he led another low diamond and, to guard against an over-ruff on East's part, ruffed in dummy with the club queen. East discarded a heart.

The play had reached the point where nothing more was needed except to draw the two outstanding trumps without losing a trick in that suit. Declarer could of course have led to the trump king in hope of a 2-2 break, but he took time out to think things over.

East had shown only two diamonds, and after due reflection, declarer was satisfied that he had started with only three spades. With four spades to the ace-king and the ace of hearts (with which he was marked for his double of five clubs) he almost surely would have ruffed West's spade bid. East could not have held six hearts, because that would place West with a singleton, which he would have led. Thus, East was marked with three clubs. Declarer finessed for the jack, and was home.

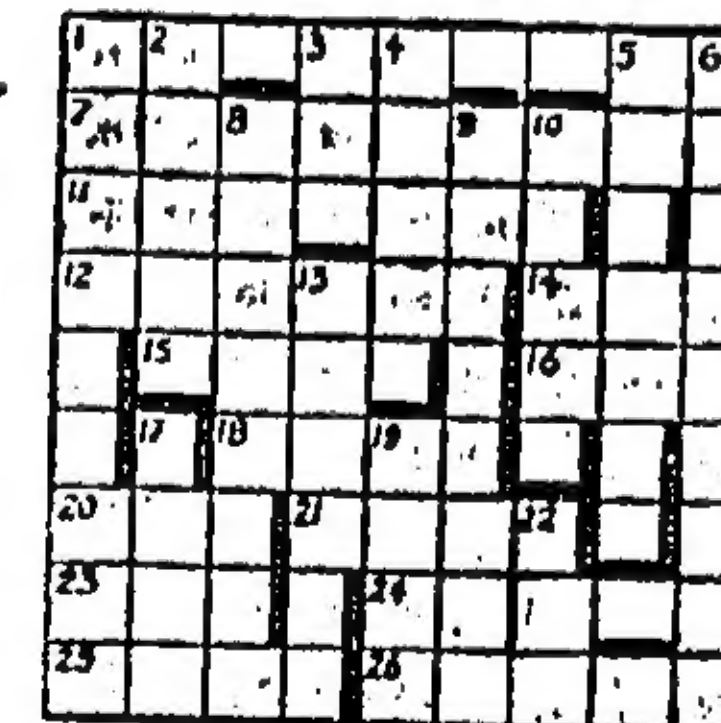
## Rupert and Ninky—56



When the Toy Scout has soared into the clouds with the letter for Mrs. Bader's cottage and, for the second time, makes his way to the door of the cloth donkey. Then he again pours out the story of his wonderful adventure and smiles at the excitement of the little badger as the donkey obeys his order to jump. "I can hardly believe it," says Bill. "To think that I've got a toy with real magic in it! It's the most topping present I've ever had!"

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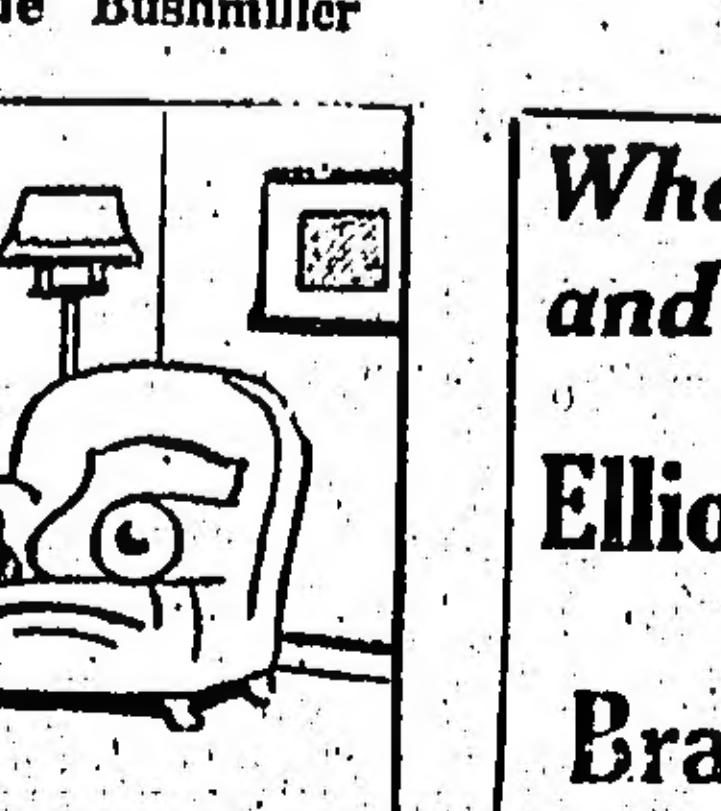
## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. It seems he was a rip in Diogenes.  
2. Taken out for protection. (9)  
3. Makes the Nile dry. (7)  
4. How the governor of Greek provinces is addressed. (8)  
5. Clean up. (5)  
6. Life line? (6)  
7. Crust of nut (not) no doubt. (8)  
8. Scrutiny. (4)

Down  
9. A small relation leaves the house. (6)  
10. Something underneath in tall observance. (6)  
11. He this and says. (5)  
12. It seems I set the pace. (8)  
13. Whirlpool. (6)  
14. Christened. (5)  
15. Alpen pipe (anag.). (6)  
16. Unleash. (5)  
17. A time. (3)  
18. Sometimes asked. sometimes said. (5)  
19. Oversteering. (7)  
20. Red creep to become this. (9)  
21. Broken measure in a shed. (6)  
22. A palace of the Moorish king. (6)  
23. Mythical goddess of mountains, trees and rivers. (9)  
24. Fact. (3)  
25. Her stoop is in Kent. (4)  
26. Part of the lion. (4)  
27. Overseas uncle. (5)

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Fruit Juices do much to aid in clearing the skin, putting tone in the hair and a bright sparkle in the eyes. Keep your lemon skins and rub them over your hands, to bleach them. Also use these lemon skins on your elbows and knees. But, before you do this, scrub with warm water and soap. Use a good brush, with firm bristles. Rub dry, then use the inside of the lemon peel. Follow with a bit of cream for smoothing.

Your daily cleansing, toning and smoothing will do so much to keep your skin in beautiful condition. Your daily hair brushing will help to keep your scalp in a healthy condition. You may have your shampoo and "set" done at your beauty salon but it's the daily home care that makes your hair lovely and keeps it that way.

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## MOVING YELLOW RIVER TO OLD COURSE—WORK HELD UP

First of a series of four articles  
By JOHN RODERICK  
Associated Press Staff Correspondent

The Yellow River—China's mightiest renegade—oblivious to wrangling and warfare among the puny humans who have sought unsuccessfully for more than a year to shackle her, wanders to-day, as she has for the past eight years, unchecked and destructive along an aimless southern avenue to the Yellow Sea.

Since June, 1938, when Chiang Kai-shek ordered the great river diverted from her northern course in order to destroy Japanese armies encroaching deeper into North China, the river has spilled tons of watery destruction on to the provinces of Honan, Kiangsu and Anhwei, inundating an estimated 15,000,000 square miles of once-fertile farmland.

At war's end, the task of closing the great breach in the dyke 50 miles west of Kaifeng, restoring the river to its safer northern course and reclaiming these lost lands became one of the major governmental goals. UNRRA, seeing in this a chance for rehabilitation on a hitherto unheard-of scale, earmarked it as its biggest world project.

To-day, nearly 13 months after the project began, and after the expenditure of US\$16,000,000, it is incomplete and probably will remain so until late Spring.

The tremendous expenditure, the delays and the bickering are thrown into sharper focus when they are

considered against the performance of the Chinese in 1935 who, unaided by foreigners, turned the river back into its course in less time and for slightly more than US\$800,000.

The story of attempts by the three participating agencies—UNRRA, CNRRA, the Chinese distributing organ for UNRRA, and CLARA, the Communist China Liberated Areas Relief Administration—to put the river back into its old bed is one of disagreement, miscalculation, political maneuvering, broken promises and recurrent civil strife.

Fundamentally, like everything else economic, political and constructive in China to-day, it waits on the termination of the all-consuming warfare between the Kuomintang and the Communist parties.

The Yellow River rises in the mountains and plateaus which edge Tibet and takes its name from the tons of yellow-brown sediment it carries, making navigation along most of its course actually impossible except for small boats.

### Alluvial Plain

This sediment has laid down an enormous alluvial plain upon which for centuries succeeding generations of Chinese have built the cities—Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan—which are monuments to the cultural civilisation of the nation.

Because it is a heavy carrier of sediment it has tended for years to wash up natural dykes along its sides and to build a bed higher than the adjacent countryside. For this reason the Chinese, contemplating the great water artery suspended sometimes 10 feet above the flatlands, have called it "The River in the Sky."

Inevitably, it has broken through natural and man-made retaining walls to flood the surrounding terrain. It has, in this manner, sought and found new courses 15 times in the last 400 years.

### "China's Sorrow"

This terrible capriciousness has spelled death and misery to millions of Chinese—from three to six millions are estimated to be affected by the present diversion—and earned it a more common nickname—"China's Sorrow."

When the retreating Chinese decided to turn the river into an ally against the Japanese, they had hoped to catch him by surprise. It is generally conceded that this grand stratagem failed because of inability to divert the river in time. To spill the waters into a new course, the Chinese chose a point near Kwa Yuan Ko—"The Entrance of the Flowery God"—some 100 miles west of the northern bend. At first 30 channels were dug in the southern dykes, but because the water was low the diversion failed. Then, a section a mile wide was blasted, additional channels dug and the water began its new southward flow, catching millions unawares. Now it flows southeasterly, joining the Yangtze river in its final exodus to the sea.

The problem of UNRRA's chief engineer, O. J. Todd, was to seal this breach, causing the yellow torrent to flow once more in the dyke channel where now only occasional pools of muddy water testify to its earlier presence.

(To be Continued To-morrow)

## AMERICAN WOMEN NOT SATISFIED

The girls they left behind during the war are being left in the lurch now that their men are home, Mr Eugene J. Bengue of Chicago believes.

Nobody seems to want thousands of women between 25 and 30 years old, who did not have any trouble winning popularity contests before the war, when they were six years younger, Mr Bengue said.

They went to work while Johnny went off to war, and now that he is back, neither the boss nor the boy friend is very happy about having them around, he said.

Mr Bengue, who calls himself a "human management engineer," said a survey of workers had revealed that these women have been left out in the cold and they know it.

### Not Stable Workers

"They are too old to go to college dances, but they are too young to be regarded by employers as stable workers," he said.

The veterans want the company of frivolous young girls, and employers want to give opportunities only to women they are sure will not pack up and leave at the drop of a marriage licence.

Mr Bengue said a survey of the sentiments of women who work in banks gave a good idea about how the girl graduate of 1937 feels about life to-day. As long as she stands a chance of becoming an old maid she wants a job with a future, as well as security, he said. But she is not getting it. Instead, her morale is slumping and her work is slipping because men are being promoted to the job she was working for and her salary is not getting any larger.

### Bosses Nagged

As the women's morale falls lower, they begin to nag the bosses instead of the husbands they might have had, Mr Bengue said. They start complaining because the office is crowded or drafty, or the lighting is bad, he added.

The women who worked hard during the war are suffering, he said, in many cases the businesses are suffering, too, because they are giving opportunities to men who are inferior workers," Mr Bengue said.

"Every worker, man or woman, wants to feel that he belongs to his job, but many women do not belong anywhere. They really want the kind of security they would get from a husband, but they will take the security of a job with a future, if they can get it," United Press.

## NEW CRUISER HAS GREATER FIRE POWER

One of the "heaviest of the heaviest" the sleek new American cruiser, Newport News, whose armament in navigation in the main battery will give her three times the firepower of other eight-inch-gunned ships, was christened at a Newport News (Virginia) shipyard last week.

US Navy Under-Secretary John L. Sullivan told the audience that in modernity, efficiency and seaworthiness, the new cruiser "will be unsurpassed by anything afloat."

Although classed as a "heavy cruiser," the Newport News 17,000 tons and overall length of 710 feet make her comparable to battleships of the first World War.

The nine eight-inch guns of her main battery will operate automatically, which is something new in fire control and gives about three times the firepower of manually operated eight-inchers.—Associated Press.

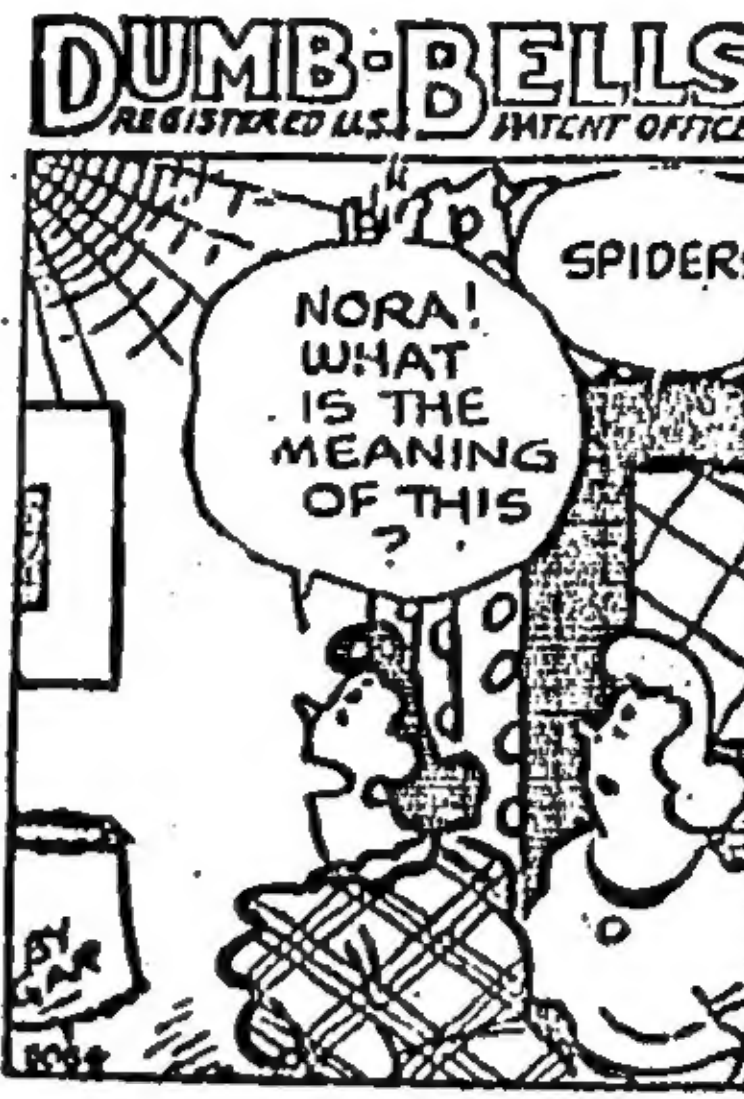
## Editors Urge Civilian Regime For Japan

Four American newspaper editors, who returned from a tour of the Pacific recently, urged that the United States withdraw all but a token force of occupation troops from Japan and substitute a civilian administration.

They claimed the Japanese people were reacting favourably to the occupation, and welcome United States efforts to establish democracy in their country.

They are S. Brown, editor-publisher of the Providence, R.I., Journal; Erwin Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor; Wayne Coy, assistant publisher of the Washington Post and Ralph J. Donaldson, editorial writer on the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Roy Howard of the Scripps Howard Newspaper Alliance, left the party at Hawaii, while the other four of the original nine editors are touring the Western States.



## Air Force Hush-hush

The United States Air Force is concerned about premature disclosure of information in aviation developments, particularly in trans-sonic and supersonic research aircraft.

With industry's support, Air Force officials have started a campaign to restore some of the wartime secrecy regulations, says Associated Press.

## NEW RUNWAY AT SHANGHAI AIRFIELD

The modern runway on Shanghai's municipal airport, Lungwha, is making fast headway and will be in partial use by early summer, according to the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury.

Officials believe that 4,000 of the 6,000 feet of airstrip would be ready for the laying of concrete by the end of the month.

The new runway, when completed, will be the only one of its sort among China's 300 airfields. It is known technically as a non-rigid airstrip.

Concrete to the depth of at least one foot will be poured over the rock foundation now being set into the former macadam strip.

### Cap Stand Impact

On engineering calculations the runway will be capable of withstanding the impact of the latest four-motor airliners now being produced.

The impact strength is fixed at about 120 tons, which permits landings and take-offs of such well-known "big ships" as the Constellation, Stratocruiser and the Sky-master.

The airlines currently are using the cross-runway of Lungwha while the main strip is being rebuilt. It is understood that as soon as 4,000 feet of the runway is ready and hardened the airlines will use it immediately.

## INDONESIAN LABOUR MOVEMENT

In the 18 months since the revolutionary Republic of Indonesia proclaimed its independence, a labour movement, whose unions claim 3,600,000 members, has mushroomed into existence within nationalist-held areas of Java and Sumatra.

It covers 20 major fields of economic endeavour ranging from the oil fields and refineries to rubber, sugar and tea plantations.

"When a political agreement finally is reached and Europeans return to their estates and industries, they will find that the days of Asiatic coolie labour have disappeared," said Harjono Hardjokoesoemi, strong man of the Indonesian labour movement, in an exclusive interview with Associated Press recently.

"We demand the same working conditions for Indonesians which exist in other countries—a 40-hour, six-day week. We will not permit children under 15 years old to be put to work outside their homes and farms. Night work for women will not be permitted by the unions," he added.

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## AIR FRANCE PLANS HONGKONG LINK

Paris, Mar. 11. Air France has announced plans for a new airline between Hongkong and Saigon.

The announcement said negotiations with the Chinese are now under way for landing permits in Canton and Hainan Island.—Associated Press.

## Realistic Hawaiian War Games

Honolulu, Mar. 10. Remembering the bloody dawn of December 7, 1941, Hawaiian defence forces were poised ready this morning to stave off the expected "attack" of 300 carrier-borne planes of the First Task Fleet in war games which closely parallel the real Pearl Harbour raid except that this time everyone is keenly on the alert.

Throughout Sunday and last night, officers and men ashore at radar screens relentlessly tracked 38 "enemy" ships as they circled lazily 300 miles south of Oahu.

Vice-Admiral A. E. Montgomery kept his fleet, which includes the carriers Tarawa, Boxer and Princeton, circling the open sea as he let the Hawaiian defenders "sweat" it out.

Li-Gen John Hull, commanding the joint defence forces, despatched light harassing forces, including planes equipped with guided missiles and torpedoes, to pester the fleet at regular intervals during the night.

When the attack materialises, it is expected to centre on Pearl Harbour and Hickam Field.—United Press.

## Correspondence

## PUBLIC OPINION

(The Editor, HK Telegraph)

Sir,—I must congratulate you on your editorial ("In search of Public Opinion") which was to the point and neatly put, but I must also disagree with you when you say that "taken together, (the income tax and the constitutional reform) they appear much too large a helping of citizenship for the average Hongkonger to swallow at one go."

Mr. Editor, that this is wholly incorrect. The seemingly laissez faire attitude prevailing here is not of our doing and not to our liking. It has been forced upon us, which is not natural. It is also incorrect to say that public opinion is left to the editors to formulate and express. At one time, long before the last war, public views and opinion concerning things local were much to the fore. We made constructive suggestions for the good administration of this Colony. Could you point out one instance in which that authority has so much taken any notice? What chance have we as ordinary citizens of having our voice heard? For example, take the Legislative Council. We find here a majority of official to unofficial members. What chance have the unofficials? Hence, it is a surprise that this minority is seemingly inarticulate, or represents a body of "yes-men"? Can you blame us, Mr. Editor, for being apathetic where local politics are concerned? We are of the opinion that as long as we find ourselves thus, so long will our voice be crying in the wilderness.

And now Municipal Council or self-government. May I ask how self-government after the income tax has been a thing in fact? By self-government I always understood it to be a state wherein we govern ourselves and make laws etc. Obviously then, the Municipal Council will not be provided with power to abrogate this unwelcome tax, which then is not self-government. If we have income tax to-day and the constitutional reform to-morrow it is obvious that we will not be provided with power to cancel same so far. I may be wrong, but this is exactly what the average man in the street thinks of the whole business, otherwise we should be glad if you would give us an exposition on the question of the Municipal Council and Government and their relationship to each other. If we are not allowed to manage our own finance after receiving permission to govern ourselves in fact or govern our finance and make ends meet, with the guidance of the Government, I on my part will say "no thank you."

Let us have a Municipal Council by all means and let us see that this "blossoming" attitude is done away with. This Colony can be and deserves to be much more progressive, and let some people stop believing that they are infallible and cannot err and that yours and mine opinion are only good for the waste paper basket.

Now, Mr. Editor, you will understand our seemed apathy, here, unlike elsewhere, silence is not only golden, but it saves us much energy and paper.

## IMPERIUM IN IMPERIO

## Ex-Queen Of Spain

London, Mar. 10. Former Queen Ena Victoria of Spain arrived at London airport this afternoon aboard a British-South American Airways plane from Lisbon. The plane managed on instrument landing on fog-enshrouded runway.

The Queen spent the winter in Portugal with her son.—United Press.

## ITALIAN FASCISTS ACTIVE IN TYROL

Bolzano, Mar. 10. Italian fascism is trying to come to life again in the Alpine area of northern Italy, it is charged by German-speaking residents of that area. Dr. Friedrich Volgger, leader of the pro-Austrian Volkspartei (People's Party) in the South Tyrol, claims that so many Italian fascists are gathering in Upper Adige that it has become a "hotbed of Italian reaction."

## IMMIGRANT SHIP'S CREW CHARGED

Jerusalem, Mar. 10. Twenty men, including 18 Americans, alleged to be the crew of the Jewish illegal immigrant ship, Abriel, were remanded for 14 days at Haifa today on a charge of "aiding and abetting" the illegal entry of the ship's 600 Jewish passengers into Palestine.

For "security reasons," the prisoners were not taken into court, but instead a magistrate went to the Haifa central police station and conducted formal proceedings there.

The ship Abriel, formerly the Ben Hecht, reached Palestine on Saturday night.

Last night, the American League for a Free Palestine issued a statement declaring that the Abriel left New York on December 27 with 600 immigrants and asking what happened to the 300 unaccounted for.

"Those three hundred Hebrews did not disappear into thin air or into the Mediterranean," it said. "The Ben Hecht was under charter to the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation.—Reuter.

## SEIZURE OF SHIPS

## PROTEST TO YUGO-SLAVIA

London, Mar. 10. A Foreign Office spokesman said to-day that Britain had sent a note to the Yugo-Slav government, protesting against the seizure of ten Italian merchant vessels.

The vessels were seized under the ruling of a Yugo-Slav prize court. The British contention is that Yugo-Slavia, as a party to the Italian peace treaty, is bound by the armistice terms, agreeing that all Italian merchant shipping should be made available for disposal by the United Nations.

Although most of the Italian fleet has fallen into British hands, the note, the spokesman added.

The note was sent on February 18, but no reply has so far been received.

## US-AUSTRALIAN AIR PACT

Canberra, Mar. 10. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, and U.S. Ambassador Butler to-day signed an aviation agreement whereby the Australian Government sets up Eagle Farm airfield, Brisbane, as an international airport for American trans-Pacific commercial planes.

Australia will obtain landing rights in the United States.

Hitherto Australian planes have been obliged to carry passengers to British Columbia, whence they return to California on American planes.

Announcing signature of the agreement, Mr. Butler said: "This exemplifies the close accord between the two countries to make international co-operation work in the Pacific."—United Press.

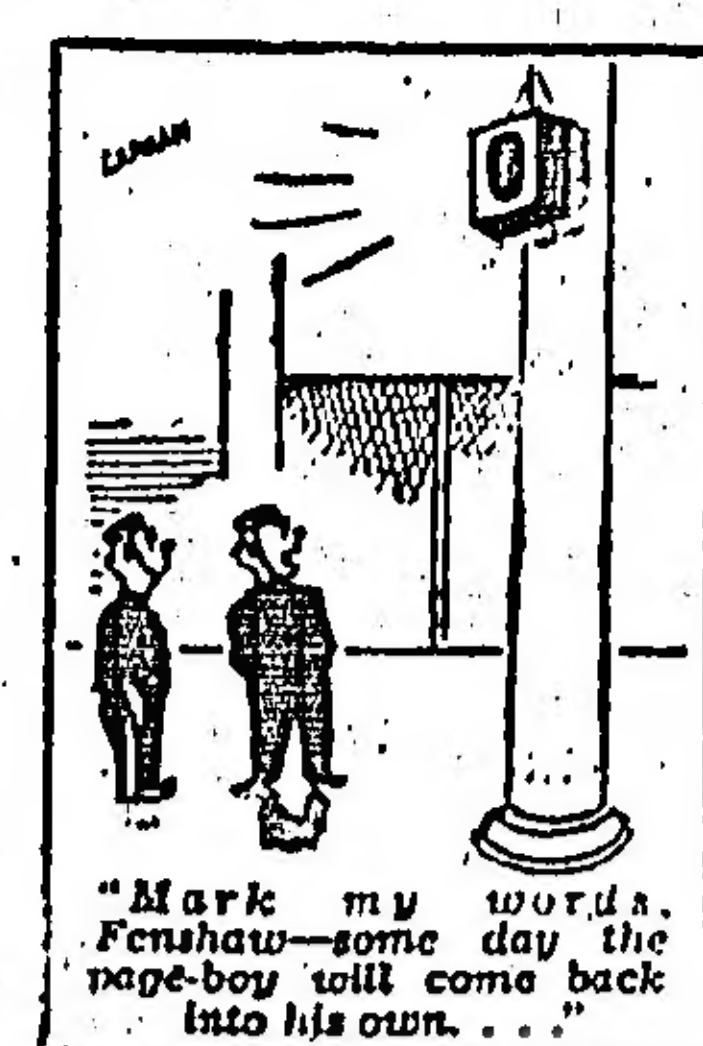
## Adolf Ordered It—Kesselring

Venice, Mar. 10. Field Marshal Kesselring told the British war crimes trial to-day that Hitler was responsible for the Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 Italians, and said he had argued with Hitler for control of the German troops in reprisals against the Italians.

Kesselring has completely recovered from the slight attack of influenza and tonsillitis which forced a postponement of the trial on Friday. He began his second week of testimony as the trial entered its second month.

Kesselring said Hitler ordered the Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 Italians for each German killed by partisan bombs, and added that Hitler later instructed SS security police to carry out the execution.—United Press.

## POCKET CARTOON



"Mark my words, Fenchel—some day this page-boy will come back into his own."

## INVESTIGATING GREEK BORDER INCIDENTS

Salonika, Mar. 10. The United Nations Balkan investigation team of 28 members left Salonika by jeep to-day for the Albanian frontier to look into Greek and Albanian charges of border incidents.

The team, which expects to be gone two weeks, is under the chairmanship of John D. L. Hood of Australia, and comprises representatives of China, France, Britain, Russia and the United States.

The Commission's committee of experts, consisting of the Big Five, Poland and Syria, met to-day to discuss details of the planned trip to interview the so-called Free Democratic Army leader, Markos Vamvakis.

It is learned that some of the commissioners feared too much importance was being attached to Markos who was carefully selected by the Communist leadership as spokesman for the guerrillas.

The United States delegate, Mr. Mark F. E. Burke, and several other delegates who at first planned to accompany the team visiting Markos now say they do not intend to do so due to the excessive publicity which will be attached to Markos' testimony.—United Press.

## Royal Family At Kroonstad

On Board the Royal Train, South Africa, Mar. 10. Two of the 12 mayors of outlying villages refused the invitation to meet King George to-day at Kroonstad, where the Royal Family continued their tour of the Union.

The townsfolk, the vast majority of whom are Nationalists, gave the Royal party a great reception as they drove through the town to take tea on the bank of the Vaal River, watched by hundreds of school children.

One of the mayors who was present and at first refused the invitation because there were no funds to pay for the expensive journey but the local Council, which was almost entirely Nationalist, voted him a special grant.—Reuter.

## Important Foreign Policy Talks

Washington, Mar. 10. President Truman to-day held a momentous bipartisan Congressional conference on American foreign policy toward Greece.

Thirteen ranking Republican and Democratic members of Congress filed into Mr. Truman's office at 10 a.m. to begin what was expected to be one of the most important foreign policy discussions in recent months.—United Press.

## ECONOMIC PLANNING OF BRITISH INDUSTRY

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Minister of Production in Mr. Churchill's wartime government, said that he was far from despair when considering the Government's plan. He felt that the horse was being balanced to jump the fence and the rider had planned it at the last minute.

He criticised controls as being cumbersome, clogging and overdone. The Government had not concentrated on essential strategic control. The coal crisis was an example of the Government having no plan.

The volume of money—an essential keypoint in control by which the whole economy of the country could be kept in balance—had not been mentioned by the Government.

Mr. Lyttelton criticised the "huge budgetary deficiencies," some due to subsidies, and the "carrying of the cheap money policy to excess."

The Government had rightly not subscribed to the direction of labour, but had in effect admitted that planning as advocated by the Government was impossible in a democratic state.

He characterised the export figure of 140 per cent of 1938 exports as "loose optimism."

## COTTON INDUSTRY

Sir Stafford had this to say about the cotton industry: "We are trying very hard to get the cotton industry to plan re-organisation and re-equipment, which will with smaller manpower give greater production, but it is slow and as weeks and months go by without any decision from the industry the time for getting results is further and further postponed."

Democratic planning towards making the foundations of industry secure and providing a higher standard of living was something to which the country must feel its way with care. "We must not be driven along a path, which some would apparently see as a path of compulsion and direction, or into a jungle of chaotic failure. Nothing that has so far happened leads us to believe that there is any better way than a middle way. We shall continue upon it."

History will record these months as a great opportunity boldly seized and courageously undertaken by the whole British people," he declared amid Government cheers.

Sir Stafford Crisp in a two-hour speech was moving the Government motion welcoming the White Paper survey expressing concern at the seriousness of the situation, disquiet and asking for support in all practical measures taken to overcome the difficulties.

## Possible Danger Seen In Japan's New Constitution

New York, Mar. 10. The New York Herald Tribune editorially sees danger in the fact that the new Japanese constitution was originally written in English and then translated into Japanese.

## Clausewitz Out Of Date Says Stalin

London, Mar. 10. Generalissimo Josef Stalin thinks the German military classicist, Clausewitz, is out of date, according to British dispatches from Moscow to-day.

The Times said Stalin, in an exchange with the Soviet military authority, Col. Razin, published in the magazine Bolshhevik, challenged acceptance of Clausewitz and attacked his creed.

"Clausewitz is obsolete as a military authority and it would be ridiculous to learn from him," Stalin wrote in criticising Razin's eight-volume book on military strategy.

Stalin inferred that the fallacies of Clausewitz's creed led to German defeats in the war, and said: "It is necessary to put an end to his undesired reputation."

Concerning the extravagant praise of his own virtues as a military leader in the book, Stalin said it made him quite uncomfortable to read it.—United Press.

## LEWIS STILL DEFIANT

Washington, Mar. 10. John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers' Union to-day opposed the Government request for an immediate Supreme Court mandate directing coal miners to withdraw their strike notice within five days.

Union counsel said formal opposition was "not for the purpose of delay but that justice may be done" to enable the Union to file an appeal.

Normally a mandate is issued 25 days after decision is announced. The Government is asking an immediate mandate, which would force Lewis to cancel his strike call before the week is out.—United Press.

## \$2,500,000 CLAIM LIKELY

Batavia, Mar. 10. A claim of \$2,500,000 may be submitted to the Netherlands and Indonesian Governments asking for the seizure by Dutch Naval forces off Cheribon, Java, of the United States Isbrandtsen Line ship Martin Behrman.

The ship was escorted to Batavia by Dutch destroyers, a guard was placed on board and later her cargo of over 6,000 tons, mostly of rubber, was confiscated.

Mr. James Ryan, Director and Legal Adviser of the Isbrandtsen Line, announcing to-day the possibility of making the claim, said that a communication had been addressed to Doctor Van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies and to all authorities concerned in the Martin Behrman case, demanding the immediate return of the cargo already discharged from the ship.

Further demands were: "The release of the ship, cargo still on board to be left on the ship, the release of the entire cargo; all this to take place within 24 hours. If these demands are not met," Mr. Ryan said, "the Isbrandtsen Line will submit a claim for \$2,500,000."

This, Mr. Ryan said, represents a total value of the ship and cargo plus freight and insurance charges, the Line's commission and compensation for the captain and crew.—Reuter.

## OUTWARD MAILS

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Train: Wednesday, March 12

Airmail: Hongkong, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 3.30 p.m.

Seamail: Amoy, 10 a.m. Swatow, Fuzhou, 10 a.m. Straits, Mauritius, South Africa (via Durban), 10 a.m. Macao, 10 a.m. Hongkong, 4 p.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 4 p.m.

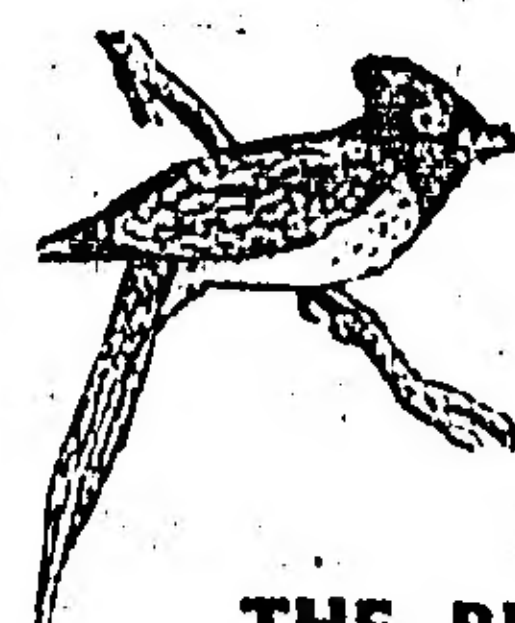
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Seamail: Saigon, 10 a.m. Swatow, Fuzhou, 2 p.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 4 p.m. Hongkong, 4 p.m.

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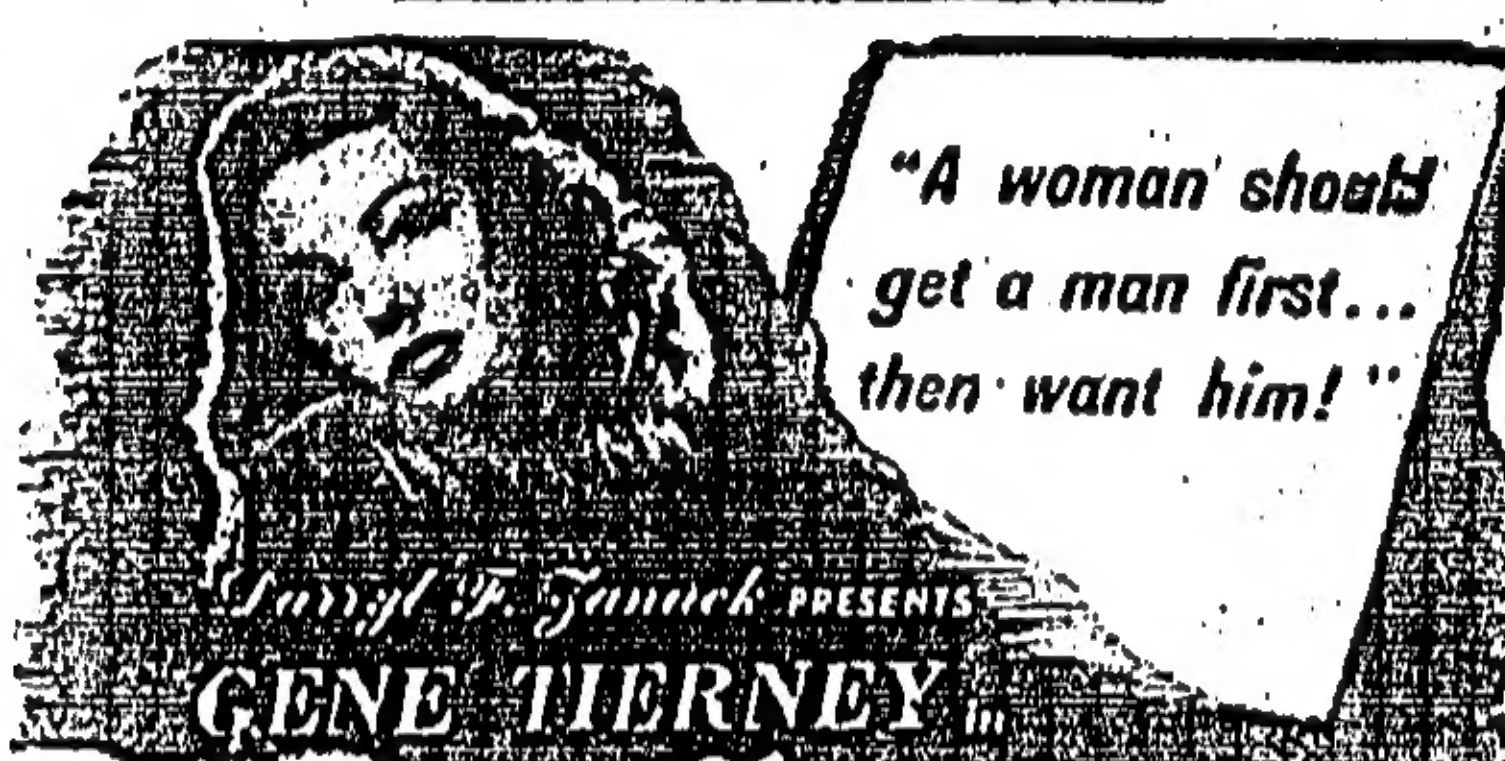
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